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FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO PRESIDENTIAL PARTY: RON NESSEN; PETER
RODMAN AND DACID GOMPERT FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER; ED SAVAGE
PRESIDENTS FAR EAST TRIP-II (TAKE THREE OF THREE)

INDEPENDENT MODERATE MAINICHI SAID TUESDAY THAT JAPAN CANNOT AGREE
WITH THE KISSINGER PLAN TO CUT OIL CONSUMPTION DUE TO JAPAN'S
INDEPENDENT DIPLOMACY TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST OIL PRODUCERS. ON
NUCLEAR MATTERS, IT STATED THAT MR. TNAKA "WILL GIVE A DETAILED
EXPLANATION OF JAPAN'S 'THREE NON-NUCLER PRINCIPLES WHICH EXPRESS
THE SPECIAL FEELINGS OF THE JAPENSE PEOPLE TOWARD NUCLEAR WEAPONS"
IN AN ATTEMPT "TO DEEPEN THE PRESIDENT'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLRM
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IN THE PAPER'S VIEW, "THE FORD VISIT TO JAPAN WILL HAVE A TRUE
HISTORIC MEANING IF JAPAN ADOPTS A GLOBAL VIEWPOINT AND DISCARDS
ITS PAST STAND OF LOOKING AT U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS FROM A THEORY
WHICH APPLIES ONLY TO JAPANESE INTERESTS."

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SEOUL: INDEPENDENT HANKUK ILBO RAN A WIRE SERVICE REPORT THAT

PRESIDENT FORD SAID "KOREA IS OUR BRAVE ALLY." IT STATED THAT "THE DISCLOSURE OF A SECRET TUNNEL CONSTRUCTED BY NORTH KOREA JUST BEFORE THE FORD VISIT IS GOOD EVIDENCE TO SHOW HIM THAT SOUTH KOREA IS UNDER CONSTANT THREAT FROM THE KIM IL SUNG REGIME...THIS WILL FURTHER ALERT THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHKOREA TO STAND AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS...IT ALSO GIVES A TIMELY AFFIRMATIVE MEANING TO THE FORD VISIT."

HONG KONG: INDEPENDENT WAH KIU YAT PO WROTE, "TO SOME PEOPLE, THE MOST IMPORTANT PURPOSE OF FORD'S TOUR IS TO GO TO VLADIVOSTOK... IN FACT, THIS IS NOT TRUE. WITHOUT JAPAN'S CLOSE COOPERATION, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR THE U.S. TO DEAL NOT ONLY WITH THE USSR, BUT WITH COMMUNIST CHINA AND TO SOLVE MANY OTHER PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE ENERGY PROBLEM."

PRO-PRC TA KUNG PAO, NOTING THAT "THE TIME FOR FORD'S VISIT (TO JAPAN) IS NOT IDEAL," SAID "SOME PEOPLE THINK THAT UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS, FORD CAN ONLY CARRY OUT A COURTESY CALL AND NOT TOUCH ANY DEEPER ON U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS...IN FACT, THE VLADIVOSTOK CONFERENCE HAS ALREADY STOLEN THE SHOW FROM THE TOKYO CONFERENCE."

MANILA: THE FORD FAR EAST VISIT RECEIVED CONSPICUOUS PLAY TUESDY IN MANILA MEDIA BUT EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS LIMITED.

SINGAPORE: TUESDAY'S INDEPENDENT STRAITS TIMES REMARKED THAT "FOR THE JAPANESE ESTABLISHMENT THE VISIT HAS THE DEEP SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE OF ERASING SOME OF THE HUMILIATION OF DEFEAT IN WORLD WAR TWO. FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE, JAPAN PERHAPS PLACES MORE EMPHASIS ON TODAY'S MEETING WITH EMPEROR HIROHITO...AND MR. FORD...THAN ON DR. KISSINGER'S

HOPES FOR DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS." THE PAPER PREDICTED DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD FOR THE U.S. "IN SECURING JAPANESE SUPPORT FOR DR. KISSINGER'S NEW PROPOSALS ON ENERGY...SINCE JAPAN, WITH ITS ECONOMY BASED ON OIL, HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO ENDORSE ANY PROPOSAL WHICH MIGHT RILE OIL PRODUCERS."

INDEPENDENT LEFT-INCLINED SIN CHEW JIT POH WROTE TUESDAY THAT THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO JAPAN "DEMONSTRATES THE IMPORTANCE THAT MR. FORD ATTACHES TO THIS MAJOR ASIAN PARTNER..AND IS A DEPARTURE FROM THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION PRACTICE OF IGNORING JAPAN."

BANGKOK: MATUKHAM, A NEW DAILY, STATED "THE TOKYO VISIT IS PROBABLY

INTENDED FOR THE PRESIDENT TO SERVE AS A MIDDLEMAN BETWEEN RUSSIA AND JAPAN SO THAT THESE TWO POWERS MAY COOPERATE IN DEVELOPING SIBERIA TO HELP SOLVE THE ENERGY CRISIS. AS SUCH, THIS WOULD PERMIT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE DIVISION OF THE WORLD'S WEALTH AMONG WASHINGTON, TOKYO AND MOSCOW TO CONTINUE WITHOUT ANY OF THE THREE SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES TO DEAL ALONE WITH PEKING."

INDEPENDENT CHUNG HUA JIT PAO, REVIEWING THE JAPANESE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, FELT THE MEASURES THEMSELVES MAKE THE FORD VISIT HISTORIC. IT ADDED THAT THE PRESIDENT FACES THE SAME GREETING IN SOUTH KOREA THAT HE RECEIVED FROM DEMONSTRATORS IN TOKYO, AND ASSERTED, "IT IS NOT HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE PROTESTS TAKE PLACE,

SINCE THE JAPANESE AND SOUTHKOREANS DO NOT LIKE MILITARY ALLIANCES WITH THE U.S."

THE NATION SAW THE PRESIDENT'S ASIAN JOURNEY AS AN ATTEMPT TO "BUCK CONGRESS, WHICH HAS BEEN HIGHLY CRITICAL OF NIXON'S AND FORD'S EAST ASIAN POLITICS." IT ALLEGED THAT CONGRESS HAS BEEN SAYING ABOUT ASIA IN EFFECT, "THIS BUNCH OF NATIVES CAN GO TO THE DOGS. OUR INTEREST LIES WITH OUR COUSINS IN EUROPE." WHILE IT IS CONGRESS' PRIVILEGE TO SAY THAT, THE PAPER STATED, "THE TRUTH IS THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF THE DANGERS THAT ARE INHERENT IN SUCH A STAND. THAT IS WHY FORD IS TRYING TO UNDERLINE THIS POINT THROUGH HIS VISITS TO THE THREE COUNTRIES." IT CONCLUDED BY SAYING, "IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THAILAND TO KNOW WHO IS GOING TO WIN THE FORD-CONGRESS BATTLE OVER ASIA."

TEL AVIV: SEMIOFFICIAL DAVAR DECLARED TODAY, "WE WILL NOT BE EXAGERRATING IF WE SAY THAT THE OUTCOME OF VLADIVOSTOK WILL HAVE PRIME INFLUENCE ON WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN OUR REGION..."

INDEPENDENT HAARETZ SAID THAT "AT THE SUMMIT, PRESIDENT FORD WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY AT FIRST HAND TO FIND OUT WHAT THE SOVIETS MEAN BY DETENTE...HE WILL ARRIVE THERE AT THE PEAK OF THE SOVIET'S MASSIVE ACTIVITY FOR FANNING THE ARAB APPETITE FOR WAR...LET US HOPE THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE IT CLEAR TO BREZHNEV THAT SUCH BEHAVIOR IS INCONSISTENT WITH DETENTE..."

TUNIS: GOVERNMENT-ADMINISTERED LA PRESSE CONTENDED TUESDAY THAT THE "ESSENTIAL GOAL" OF THE PRESIDENT'S TOUR "WILL BE THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN FORD AND BREZHNEV AT VLADIVOSTOK. THIS MEETING SHOULD PREPARE THE ROAD TO AN ACCORD ON THE LIMITATIONS OF NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS..AND PERMIT MR. FORD TO SHOW THAT HE HAS THE BREADTH OF A STATESMAN, CAPABLE OF NEGOTIATING ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH THE RUSSIANS."

EASTERN EUROPE: PAPERS IN POLAND AND BULGARIA CARRIED BRIEF STRAIGHTFORWARD REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP. TWO MAJOR REGIONAL PAPERS IN YUGOSLAVIA RAN A NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT'S ASSESSMENT OF THE TRIP: "IN VLADIVOSTOK...A NEW EFFORT TO REVIVE A UNCLASSIFIED

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SOMEWHAT LULLED SPIRIT OF U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE...IT COULD BE THE OCCASION OF IMPORTANT TALKS, BUT IT IS JUST THE FIRST GET-ACQUAINTED MEETING OF THE TWO STATESMAN...IN ORDER POSSIBLY TO ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS LATER."

."THE CORRESPONDENT REMARKED THAT "NOT ONLY HAS FORD FULFILLED HIS PROMISE" ON HIS FIRST DAY AS PRESIDENT TO KEEP MR. KISSINGER IN THE CABINET AND CONTINUE THE SAME FOREIGN POLICY LINE, "BUT KISSINGER ENJOYS EVEN GREATER AUTHORITY THAN HE HAD IN THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION." END TAKE THREE END ALL UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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